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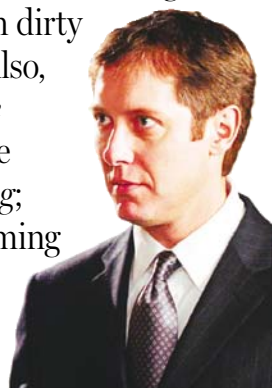


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A Wireless Giant in the Works

Cingular's \$41B bid for AT&T raises competition worries

ATLANTA | Cingular Wireless agreed to pay nearly \$41 billion in cash to buy AT&T Wireless Services to create the nation's largest mobile phone company, raising concern among consumer advocates that it may hurt competition and impede lower prices.

The agreement announced Tuesday between the second and third largest U.S. wireless companies would create a cellular giant with 46 million subscribers and 70,000

employees. Current market leader Verizon Wireless has 37.5 million customers.

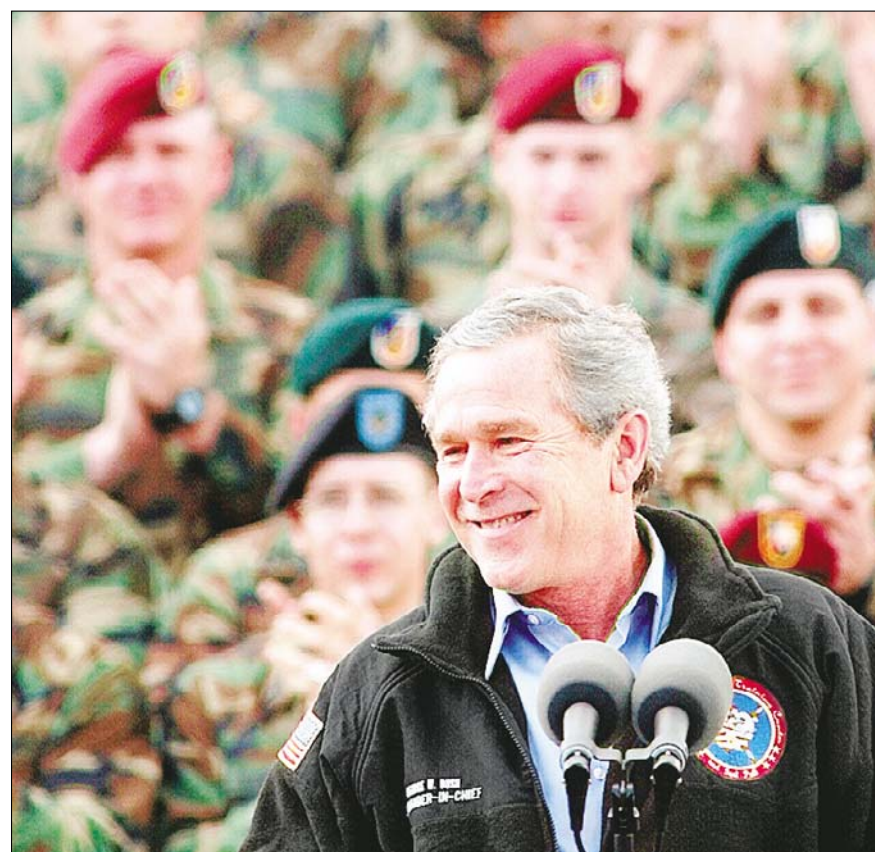
The deal — subject to approval by AT&T Wireless shareholders and federal regulators — would be a boon for Atlanta-based Cingular's efforts to cut costs, fill service gaps and expand its spectrum, or radio frequency, in several key U.S. markets, thus enabling it to offer wireless Internet access at broadband speed.

Some fear the merger, trimming the number of national players from six to five, could reduce the fierce competition that has driven down prices in the U.S. cellular market.

"Losing a competitor in this kind of market hurts consumers, especially when you're merging the big players," said Mark Cooper, director of research at the Washington-based Consumer Federation of America. "It's not five and six that's merging. It's two and three."

The combined company would carry the Cingular name. HARRY R. WEBER (AP)

THE TROOPS | FRIENDLY FACES



MORALE BOOST: Troops applaud President Bush as he speaks at Fort Polk, La., on Tuesday. Bush used the visit, which put him in a friendly military setting amid allegations he ducked military service, to highlight achievements in the war on terror. ♦ **More:** Words of encouragement | Page 3

Female Kicker Alleges Rape By Colo. Player

DENVER | A former kicker for the University of Colorado says she was raped by a teammate four years ago but was too frightened to tell police, another damaging accusation against the reeling football program.

Katie Hnida makes the allegation in the upcoming issue of *Sports Illustrated*, saying she wanted to come forward because of other problems revealed recently at the school.

Hnida, 22, left Colorado after the 1999 season, later enrolling at the University of New Mexico. She said last August that she was sexually harassed while at Colorado, but she did not mention rape.

She told *Sports Illustrated*, however, that she was assaulted in the summer of 2000 at a teammate's home.

The accusation comes after three weeks of stunning allegations involving the Colorado football program. Three women have sued the school in federal court, saying they were raped by players or recruits at or after an off-campus party in December 2001. ROBERT WELLER (AP)



Hnida

LAW | Randy Roads As if cell phones weren't distraction enough. Now the Flint, Mich., City Council is considering a ban on mobile porn. Councilwoman Carolyn Sims says she's gotten complaints about people watching pornographic DVDs during their rides. She says in one case, the

porn-watchers left the back hatch of their SUV open for all to see. Sims is proposing a new ordinance that would set a \$500 fine for watching adult videos in a vehicle. She hopes to have it enacted before summer, when open windows return. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



EMILY MICHO/MIAMI HERALD/AP

DERRING-DO Heads Up

Mike Bailey has wrestled bears, panthers and tigers — but he says stunts like this one, performed with a six-foot alligator at the 33rd Seminole Tribal Fair and Rodeo in Davie, Fla., are among his most dangerous. “There’s no such thing as a soulful connection to an alligator,” he told the Miami Herald on Sunday. “Gators ... don’t care about you.” According to the Herald, Bailey, 26, knew he wanted to tussle with wild creatures at age 5. Now, the 140-pound employee of the Seminole Wildlife Refuge says a plethora of bites and slashes have led him to consider retiring. (EXPRESS)

HISTORY Pierce's Place

In his lifetime, President Franklin Pierce was written off as a failure. And through the years, scholars have dismissed Pierce, who served from 1853 to 1857, as an ineffectual leader. But a group of Pierce enthu-



siasts in his home state of New Hampshire has scheduled events in November to commemorate the bicen-

tennial of the former president's birth. Jayme Simoes, president of the Franklin Pierce Bicentennial Commission, hopes the celebration will raise Pierce's profile from “that crazy uncle you lock in the attic and don't want to talk about.” (AP)



FOOD Pancake Party

It's Maslenitsa time in Moscow again: a week when Muscovites celebrate the finer things in life, like pancakes and vodka. During the festival, which began Monday and lasts until Sunday, newlyweds kiss to promote fertility; a scarecrow is burned to cast off the specter of winter; and revelers devour pancakes by the dozen, the Moscow Times reports. The festival is said to date back to pagan rituals, but the Russian Orthodox church recommends it as a chance to indulge before the 40-day fast of Lent. (EXPRESS)

CONTESTS Cherry Prize

A man devoured three cherry pies in 10 minutes to win the first New Jersey Presidents Day cherry pie-eating con-

test in Westampton on Monday. Bill Howe, 30, topped a field of nine contestants at the Deerwood Country Clubs Estates community. Howe received \$500 for coming in first.

Cash prizes also went to the second and third-place finishers. The contestants received their instructions from a George Washington reenactor, William Agress of Lawrenceville. (AP)

WHOOPS: A keen-eyed reader informed us that we got the location of the Mardi Paws pet parade wrong in Tuesday's EyeOpeners. The event took place in Shreveport, La. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

PHOENIX

Ariz. Bishop Convicted in Fatal Hit-And-Run Accident

Bishop Thomas O'Brien was convicted of hit-and-run Tuesday for leaving the scene after killing a jaywalking pedestrian with his car, a crash that ended his career as head of the Roman Catholic diocese. The 68-year-old bishop, who said he thought he hit a dog or was struck by a rock, could be sentenced to anywhere from probation to 3 ¾ years in prison on the charge of leaving the scene of an accident. (AP)

WASHINGTON

FAA Orders Airlines to Use New Fuel Tank System

The government will order airlines to install a system to reduce the chance of fuel tank explosions like the one that downed a TWA Flight 800 in 1996, Federal Aviation Administration chief Marion Blakey said Tuesday. The decision affects about 3,800 Boeing and Airbus aircraft operated by domestic airlines. A cost-benefit analysis still must be done and airlines need time to plan for the change, so the requirement is not expected to take effect for at least two years. (AP)

DETROIT

Motorist Charged in Police Deaths During Traffic Stop

A motorist pulled over in the middle of the night for a seemingly routine traffic stop was charged with murder Tuesday in the shooting deaths of two police officers who stopped him. Eric Marshall, 23, faces a maximum penalty of life in prison without parole. He is accused in the deaths of Officers Jennifer Fettig and Matthew Bowns, who were shot early Monday. (AP)

RICHLAND CENTER, WIS.

Teen Arrested in Fatal Shooting of Parents, Uncle

A teenager was arrested early Tuesday in Kentucky in the slayings of his parents and an uncle, whose bodies were found at a farmhouse. Steven M. Tomporowski, 18, was stopped while driving a vehicle that was missing from the crime scene and had been using stolen credit cards to buy gas, Richland Sheriff Darrell Berglin said. The victims had been shot, Berglin said. (AP)

Democratic Underdogs Losing Steam

Dean, Edwards scraping to reach 'Super Tuesday'

WASHINGTON | John Kerry kept President Bush in his crosshairs Tuesday as his chief Democratic rivals vowed to continue their fight for their party's nomination regardless of the outcome of the day's primary vote in Wisconsin.

"This is not a conservative Republican administration, this is an extreme radical administration," Kerry said, accusing Bush of "walking away" from U.S. veterans. The president's campaign quickly responded with a statement accusing Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, of voting against the interests of veterans and U.S. troops during his 19-year Senate career.

Kerry had trounced his competition in 14 of the 16 primaries and caucuses held before Tuesday. The next major barrage of primaries is March 2, when delegate-rich California, New York, Ohio and seven other states hold contests.

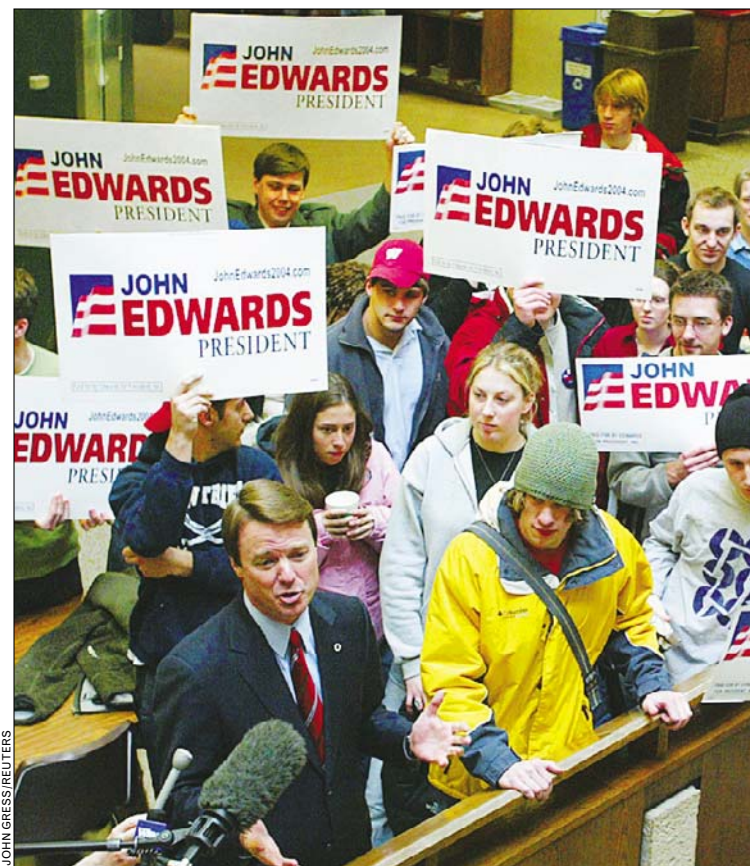
North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Kerry's nearest competitors, hoped they could raise enough money to survive until "Super Tuesday."

Kerry plans to compete in every March 2 state. A cash-strapped Edwards intends to target California, New York and Georgia.

Top Dean advisers predicted that their proud and stubborn boss would soon stop campaigning against Kerry, even if he refuses to technically shut down his campaign.

Edwards is in a slightly better position than Dean to survive. While Dean is winless and running out of credibility, Edwards won his native South Carolina and has impressed Democrats with his polished, upbeat style. His advisers, however, acknowledged the odds were stacked against Edwards.

RON FOURNIER (AP)



Advisers to Sen. John Edwards, pictured during a stop Tuesday at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, acknowledge he faces long odds against John Kerry.

Wisconsin's decision: Democratic primary returns came in after Express's deadline. Get results and analysis in today's Washington Post and at washingtonpost.com

POLITICS | MINI-DEAN



HE'S A CHARACTER: A supporter of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, dressed as a "Deanie Baby," walks in Madison, Wis., on Tuesday.



BY THE NUMBERS: The next votes to assign Democratic delegates are scheduled for Feb. 24. Utah voters will go to the polls for a primary, while Idaho and Hawaii will hold caucuses. (EXPRESS)

Bush Rallies Troops During La. Visit

Address comes amid scrutiny of president's National Guard service

FORT POLK, LA. | President Bush sought to buck up troop morale at a base that has supplied more than 10,000 soldiers to the war on terrorism — and lost a dozen in Iraq — vowing Tuesday that "the enemy will be defeated."

"My resolve is the same as it was on the day when I walked in the rubble of the twin towers," Bush

said, his voice breaking. "I will not relent until this threat to America is removed."

Bush spoke to a sea of thousands of rowdy troops here, who responded with hearty howls of "hooah!" at his applause lines. "The American people appreciate your sacrifice. Our government owes you more than gratitude; we must always make sure America's soldiers are



Bush

well equipped and well trained to fight this war on terror."

After trying to quell stories about his Vietnam-era military record, Bush sought Tuesday to put that controversy behind him by having lunch with members of the National Guard.

At issue is whether he showed up for service in Alabama after receiving permission to serve there temporarily in 1972-73. Bush says he recalls serving there, but there is scant documentation proving it.

SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

Democrat Wins House Seat in Ky.

VERSAILLES, KY. | Ben Chandler saw opportunity after his big loss in last November's governor's race, figuring that between the high-profile campaign and his family's deep roots in Kentucky politics, voters knew him about as well as they could.

The Democrat and former attorney general won a special election

Tuesday to fill the congressional seat Gov. Ernie Fletcher left after he defeated Chandler. The grandson of a former U.S. senator and governor, Chandler, 44, ran for the seat knowing his name recognition "would never be higher."

"Whatever hits I've taken, the public has a pretty well defined atti-

tude toward me," he said when he announced his candidacy.

Chandler, who defeated Republican state Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, will need to win again in November to hang on to the seat.

Chandler built a resume that includes 12 years in elective statewide office: four as state auditor and eight as attorney general. (AP)

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SOMETHING NEW: Hyde Revilla, right, and her partner Dawn Revilla walk to their wedding ceremony at San Francisco's City Hall on Tuesday along with two friends. The city has issued more than 2,000 marriage licenses to same-sex couples since Thursday.

Gay Marriage Rulings Delayed

Judges hold on 2 cases seeking an end to gay unions in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO | Two judges delayed taking any action Tuesday to shut down San Francisco's same-sex wedding spree, rebuffing conservative groups enraged that the city's liberal politicians had already married almost 2,400 gay and lesbian couples.

The judges took part in separate hearings. The second judge told the plaintiffs that they would likely succeed on the merits eventually, but

that for now, he couldn't accept their proposed court order because of a punctuation error.

It all came down to a semicolon, the judge said.

"I am not trying to be petty here, but it is a big deal. ... That semicolon is a big deal," San Francisco Superior Court Judge James Warren said.

Until the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund writes its proposed court order correctly, Warren indicated he would not order an immediate halt to the marriages of gays and lesbians that continued throughout the day across

the street at City Hall.

Also Tuesday, San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Ronald Quidachay said he was not prepared to rule until at least Friday in a separate challenge of the marriages.

Gay couples from as far as Europe have been lining up outside City Hall since Thursday, when city officials decided to begin marrying same-sex couples in a collective act of official civil disobedience.

Mayor Gavin Newsom has said the city will keep marrying gays until the courts order a halt.

DAVID KRAVETS AND LISA LEFF (AP)

States Fight Federal Education Law

Officials say No Child Left Behind Act asks a lot, but funds little

SALT LAKE CITY | With Utah in the vanguard, about a dozen states are rebelling against President Bush's centerpiece education law, the No Child Left Behind Act, complaining it imposes costly new obligations without providing the money to carry them out.

The Republican-controlled Utah House voted 64-8 last week not to comply with any provisions

for which the federal government has not supplied enough money. The bill, which now goes to the Senate, represents the strongest position yet taken by lawmakers around the country.

Elsewhere, lawmakers have passed or introduced legislation or nonbinding resolutions challenging the 2002 law's tougher standards for student testing and teacher credentials.

Among other things, the No Child Left Behind Act requires virtually all students to test at their grade level for math and reading.

Schools that do not measure up for two years in a row have to provide more tutoring or let students transfer to better schools.

The law also requires teachers to have a specialized training for every core subject they cover. The government insists it is providing enough money to meet the requirements of the law, but many states dispute that.

Federal aid to local school districts totals \$32 billion per year, up from \$24 billion before No Child Left Behind was signed into law in 2002. PAUL FOY (AP)

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In Brief

RUSSIA

Missiles a No-Show at Event Highlighting Arms Prowess

A technical glitch thwarted the launch of Russian ballistic missiles in the Barents Sea on Tuesday during naval maneuvers overseen by President Vladimir Putin, who watched the massive exercise while decked out in naval officer's garb aboard a nuclear submarine. The failed launch was part of an exercise described as the largest show of Russian military might in more than 20 years. (AP)

IRAN

Reformists Boldly Criticize Top Spiritual, Political Leader

In a daring protest, more than 100 reformist lawmakers accused Iran's supreme leader of allowing freedoms to be "trampled" and rigging upcoming parliamentary elections in favor of hard-line backers. The attack — in a letter sent to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — raised political dissent to levels unimaginable just a few weeks ago and shattered taboos about public criticism of Iran's unchallenged political and spiritual authority. There was no immediate reaction from Khamenei. (AP)

SOUTH ASIA

Pakistan, India Agree on Timetable for Historic Talks

Just two years after Pakistan and India nearly went to war, the two neighbors agreed Tuesday to a timetable for peace talks. The deal was made at a closed-door meeting of diplomats at a mountain retreat not far from the disputed border region of Kashmir. The agreement will be finalized Wednesday by India's Foreign Secretary and his Pakistani counterpart. Neither side would reveal the specifics of the timetable. (AP)

GAMBIA

President Touts Big Oil Find In His Tiny W. African Nation

President Yahya Jammeh announced the discovery by an unnamed Western company of "large quantities" of oil in Gambia, saying the offshore find would eliminate poverty and hunger, media in Gambia reported. Gambia is one of the world's poorest countries, with a per capita income of \$280, according to the World Bank. (AP)

Haitians Issue Plea for Help

France weighs options, may send peacekeepers to help quell unrest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Haiti's prime minister warned Tuesday of an impending coup and appealed for international help to contend with a bloody uprising that has claimed 57 lives. But the United States and France expressed reluctance to send troops to put down the rebellion.

"We are witnessing the coup d'état machine in motion," Prime Minister Yvon Neptune said Tuesday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that there is "no enthusiasm right now for sending in military or police forces." Powell said the international community wants to see "a political solution" and only then would nations offer a police presence.

Powell spoke by telephone with French Foreign Minister Dominique



Residents peer through a wall as aid workers in Gonaives pile up sacks of food. Aid agencies appealed for urgent help Tuesday, saying Haiti is on the verge of civil war.

de Villepin, who called an emergency meeting in Paris on Tuesday to weigh the risks of sending peacekeepers and discuss how otherwise to help Haiti, an impoverished former colony that is home to 2,000 French citizens.

De Villepin stopped short of saying France would send troops, but said it could contribute from its territories in the region. The French Defense Ministry has 4,000 military personnel in Martinique and Guadeloupe. MICHAEL NORTON (AP)

VIETNAM | PASSÉ PASTIME



FLU FEARS: A Vietnamese man watches fighting cocks at his house in Hanoi on Tuesday. Police in Ho Chi Minh City said they had arrested 13 people who had failed to cull their fighting cocks. Authorities fear the contests will help spread bird flu, which has killed 20 people in Vietnam and Thailand.

HEARSAY | INTRIGUES

"The government of Mr. George W. Bush was behind the coup. We have photos, evidence."

—VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ ANGRILY ACCUSING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON TUESDAY OF BACKING A COUP THAT BRIEFLY OUSTED HIM IN 2002. WASHINGTON HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED INVOLVEMENT.

U.S. Names 32 as Focus Of Iraq Hunt

New list offers hefty reward for capture of key ex-Baath leader

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The U.S. military on Tuesday issued for the first time a wanted list of dozens of key figures suspected of leading the anti-U.S. insurgency in Iraq, including a \$1 million reward for a senior Baath Party figure believed to be running guerrilla cells.

The list of 32 wanted people included suspected cell leaders, former members of Saddam Hussein's military and regional Baath leaders thought to be helping the insurgency, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations chief.

At the top of the list, with a \$1 million reward, is Mohammed Yunis al-Ahmad, a former top Baath Party official. Rewards between \$50,000 and \$200,000 were offered for the others.

Soon after Saddam's ouster in April, the military published a list of 55 most-wanted members of his regime. All but 10 of them have been captured or killed. Not all were believed to have played major roles in the insurgency.

LEE KEATH (AP)

Baghdad City Council: The closest thing Iraq has to a democratically elected body | Today's Post: Section A

U.N. Says AIDS Is Ravaging E. Europe, Ex-Soviet Republics

MOSCOW | Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic nation of Estonia have some of the world's fastest HIV growth rates, the United Nations Development Program declared in a report released Tuesday. The world body said one in every 100 adults of the three countries is infected.

According to the report on HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, or CIS, the HIV crisis poses

a threat to the region's economic growth, placing new pressure on already threadbare social welfare programs.

"It is already too late to speak of avoiding a crisis," said Kalman Mizsei, the U.N. Development Program's assistant administrator for Europe and the CIS.

The U.N. AIDS agency estimates that some 1.8 million people in the region have HIV. JUDITH INGRAM (AP)

Silence: President Vladimir Putin mentioned AIDS only once, in a single clause, in his annual state of the nation address last year | Today's Post: Section A

World

Infighting a Threat To Palestinian Aid

Donors wary as Arafat, prime minister feud over financial reforms

JERUSALEM | A disagreement over financial reform erupted into a major dispute between Yasser Arafat and his prime minister, threatening to hold up vital foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority, officials said Tuesday.

The argument broke out after the Palestinian Cabinet voted Saturday to pay members of the security forces directly, Cabinet ministers said. Currently, senior security officers are given lump sums of cash to distribute to employees — an invitation to corruption.

The Palestinian ministers, speaking on condition of ano-

nymity, said Arafat first agreed to the change but then clashed with Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and subsequently refused to carry out the decision.

The Arafat-Qureia dispute is perhaps their most serious since the prime minister took office late last year. Similar disputes with Arafat pushed Qureia's predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas, to resign last year.

International donors have made reform in the payment system a top priority and have grown impatient in recent months with the slow pace of change. With donors scaling back aid, the Palestinian Authority has taken out bank loans in recent months to pay the salaries of 125,000 government employees.

JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

INDONESIA | AIR DEFENSE



HEALTH SCORE: A woman covers her nose as a health worker sprays pesticide in a Jakarta slum on Tuesday. Dengue fever, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, has killed 91 people in Indonesia, health officials said Tuesday.

Judge in Portugal Acquits 7 Women In Abortion Case

LISBON, PORTUGAL | A judge Tuesday acquitted seven women who had abortions deemed illegal in Portugal, where the laws are among the strictest in Europe.

Judge Paulo Brandao found there was insufficient evidence to convict the defendants. "The decision is a healthy signal for society," Brandao said.

Tuesday's ruling in Aveiro, about 110 miles north of Lisbon, comes two weeks before Parliament is scheduled to debate easing the abortion laws. Abortion is illegal in this mostly Roman Catholic country except under strictly defined medical circumstances, or in cases of rape. It is totally banned after the 12th week of pregnancy.

Women can be jailed for up to three years for having an illegal abortion. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge predicted Tuesday that, within a decade, there will be as many female athletes as male in the Olympic Games. The modern Olympics started in 1896, but women were barred until 1912. Women made up 21% of competitors at the 1980 Moscow Olympics and 38.2% at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. (AP)

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Va. House Passes Restrictions on Morning-After Pill

RICHMOND, VA. | The House of Delegates approved bills Tuesday making it more difficult for underage girls and college students to obtain the morning-after birth control pill.

The House voted 59-41 to pass Delegate Kathy Byron's bill requiring parental consent before emergency contraceptives can be prescribed for an unmarried girl under age 18.

Delegate Robert G. Marshall's legislation prohibiting distribution of the pill at state-supported universities passed 52-47.

Both measures now go to the Senate.

Critics claim that easy access to the pill encourages reckless sexual behavior. But Delegate Albert Eisenberg argued that the parental consent bill would have dire consequences.

"If this bill passes we will only ensure more abortions, more unwanted children and more abandoned babies," Eisenberg said.

LARRY O'DELL (AP)

HEARSAY | SCHOOL VIOLENCE



"There would be a seamless approach to crime-fighting efforts ... in and around these schools."

—D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN P. CHAVOUS, D-WARD 7
PROPOSING A BILL ON TUESDAY THAT WOULD PLACE THE D.C. POLICE CHIEF IN CHARGE OF SECURITY IN THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOLLOWING THE FEB. 2 SHOOTING AT BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL.

Commuter Tax Debate Renewed

D.C. leaders ask court to overturn federal ban

WASHINGTON | The question of whether the nation's capital can tax commuters who work there moved into a courtroom Tuesday.

Mayor Anthony Williams, the D.C. Council and a group of District residents are suing the federal government to overturn a federal law banning the District of Columbia from levying a commuter tax. At Tuesday's hearing, the federal government sought to dismiss the suit.

District lawyers argued before U.S. District Court Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle that the ban violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution, because it does

not prohibit any other jurisdiction from taxing money earned within its borders. Attorneys also argued that because District residents have no voting representation in Congress, they have no remedy.

But an attorney for the Justice Department argued that the District is not subject to the same rules as other jurisdictions.

"The fundamental fact here is that the District of Columbia is a unique entity," attorney Rupa Bhattacharyya said.

She said the constitutional provision creating the District authorized Congress to act as a state legislature, and that Congress alone should have the power to impose a tax on D.C. commuters.

Huvelle did not indicate when she might rule. MARTY NILAND (AP)

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Money

Court Upholds Do-Not-Call List

Appeals court rules registry cuts danger of ‘telemarketing abuse’

DENVER | A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the government’s dot-not-call registry, dismissing telemarketers’ claims that it violates free-speech rights and is unfair because it doesn’t apply to charities and political solicitations.

“We hold that the do-not-call registry is a valid commercial speech regulation because it directly advances the government’s important interests in safeguarding personal privacy and reducing the danger of telemarketing abuse without burdening an excessive amount of speech,” the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled.

Officials in the telemarketing industry did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The court overturned a U.S. District judge in Denver who said the list violated free-speech rights. That ruling had been closely watched because of the constitutional issues involved.

The court consolidated the appeal with two related challenges.

Telemarketing industry officials have said they expect about 2 million of their 6.5 million workers will lose their jobs within two years if the do-not-call rules stand.

STEVEN K. PAULSON (AP)

REACHING OUT: Phone numbers can be registered or complaints can be filed at www.donotcall.gov or by calling (888) 382-1222.

531 More Song-Swapping Suits Filed

WASHINGTON | The recording industry on Tuesday sued 531 more computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet.

The Recording Industry Association of America filed the complaints against defendants in lawsuits in Atlanta; Philadelphia; Orlando, Fla.; and Trenton, N.J. The RIAA said the offenders were

customers of one of five Internet providers based in those cities. RIAA lawyers identified defendants only by their numeric Internet protocol addresses and expected to work through the courts to learn their names and where they live.

Last month the RIAA filed suits against 532 users. Settlements have averaged \$3,000 each. (AP)

In Brief

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Disney to Purchase Muppets From Jim Henson Company

The Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday it will buy the “Muppets” characters as well as the “Bear in the Big Blue House” franchise from The Jim Henson Co. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. The deal culminates a decades-long pursuit of the Muppets by Disney, which came close to acquiring the characters in 1990. The deal fell apart shortly after the death of company founder Jim Henson. (AP)



Kermit

AGRICULTURE

Jury Sides With Ranchers in Beef Lawsuit Against Tyson

Ranchers won a landmark \$1.28 billion verdict Tuesday that found Tyson Fresh Meats — the nation’s largest beef packer — manipulated cattle prices. A federal jury agreed that Tyson used contracts with a select few ranchers to create a captive supply of cattle, allowing it to stay out of the cash market for cattle when prices were high. Attorneys for Tyson said they planned to appeal the verdict, which is only a recommendation from the jury and could be reduced. (AP)

A stake in steaks: For more on what the verdict means for the beef industry | Today’s Post, Business section

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Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BarryRG h	2.19	+.42	+23.7
AllegTch	12.59	+2.04	+19.3
ATT Wrls	13.78	+1.96	+16.6
MarineMx	26.52	+3.72	+16.3
Gateway	5.10	+.59	+13.1

Losers

StewInfo	38.15	-7.05	-15.6
BushInd	2.88	-.26	-8.3
MdbkIns	4.76	-.41	-7.9
MeridRes	5.58	-.42	-7.0
ReliantRs	7.50	-.55	-6.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
DGSE	3.20	+.87	+37.3
IndSrvAm	11.10	+2.95	+36.2
ClinicDat	13.50	+2.95	+28.0
Lifeway	27.68	+5.78	+26.4
VasoAcPh n	24.04	+4.54	+23.3

Losers

InterCept	10.33	-2.05	-16.6
OptRobt g	7.48	-1.27	-14.5
EmpireRst	10.79	-1.61	-13.0
Fundtch	8.05	-1.20	-13.0
NCRIC s	9.99	-1.46	-12.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.90	0.93
2-year	1.68	1.81
10-year	4.04	4.11
30-year	4.91	4.95

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5255	.5306	.6201
Canadian Dollar	1.3095	1.3170	1.5237
European Euro	.7789	.7848	.9264
Japanese Yen	105.66	105.43	120.22
Mexican Peso	10.9200	10.9380	10.8300
Taiwanese Dollar	33.10	33.13	34.81

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	45.62	+.37	-2.6
Comcast	30.75	+.85	-6.2
Comc sp	29.80	+.82	-4.8
CoxCom	33.24	+.24	-3.5
Disney	26.90	-.02	+15.3
Fox Ent	30.20	+.15	+3.6
Gannett	88.45	+.07	-.8
HughesEl	17.20	+.17	+3.9
LibtyMA	11.38	+.12	-4.3
LibtyMB	12.40	-.01	-10.1
NewsCorp	39.48	+.40	+9.4
Thomson	31.46	-.69	-13.2
TimeWarr	17.50	+.26	-2.7
Viacom	40.14	+.64	-9.3
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Money

Stewart Evidence Blocked

Prosecution's case slowed by court limits on use of broker's calls

NEW YORK | A federal judge Tuesday further limited the government's ability to prove Martha Stewart and her stockbroker conspired to lie about Stewart's sale of ImClone Systems stock.

The judge blocked prosecutors from putting into evidence a voice mail broker Peter Bacanovic left for Stewart on Feb. 4, 2002, the day she was first interviewed by the government in the ImClone investigation.

"The fact that he tried to contact her really isn't evidence of anything, other than that they talked



Martha Stewart as she entered federal court in Manhattan on Tuesday.

to each other sometimes," said U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum. She also limited what prosecutors can argue about two

earlier calls between them.

The essence of the conspiracy charge is that Stewart and Bacanovic hatched a cover story for why Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone stock on Dec. 27, 2001.

In a boost for the government, the judge said she would allow evidence that star witness Douglas Faneuil apparently told friends in early 2002 that he had been asked to do something wrong.

Faneuil has testified Bacanovic ordered him to tip Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his shares, then pressured him to cover up the truth. He initially backed up Bacanovic, then agreed to testify against Bacanovic and Stewart. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

Comcast Stands by Offer for Disney

PHILADELPHIA | A day after its offer to buy The Walt Disney Co. was rejected as cheap, cable TV giant Comcast Corp. refused to budge on its unsolicited all-stock offer, saying it reflected a fair valuation of the iconic media company.

In rebuffing Comcast on

Monday, Burbank, Calif.-based Disney noted that the offer to swap 0.78 of a share of Comcast for each Disney share — originally worth \$54 billion — undervalued the company by about \$6.6 billion based on last week's stock prices.

Analysts said Comcast needs to

discount the jump Disney's stock price took last week and wait several weeks before making another offer.

A person familiar with the Comcast offer, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the cable giant wasn't interested in paying current market prices to acquire Disney. (AP)

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Sports

Rodriguez Changes Stripes

All-Star arrives in N.Y., dispels feud with Jeter

PRO BASEBALL | When Alex Rodriguez put on the pinstripes for the first time, his shoulders stooped, perhaps feeling the weight of all that tradition on his broad back.

Flashbulbs popped. Cable news networks went live. And Rodriguez was introduced Tuesday with Derek Jeter, Joe Torre and Reggie Jackson at his side. The manager even took a moment to adjust Rodriguez's new Yankees cap to show more of his smiling face for the cameras.

Start spreading the news: Rodriguez is the new star in town.

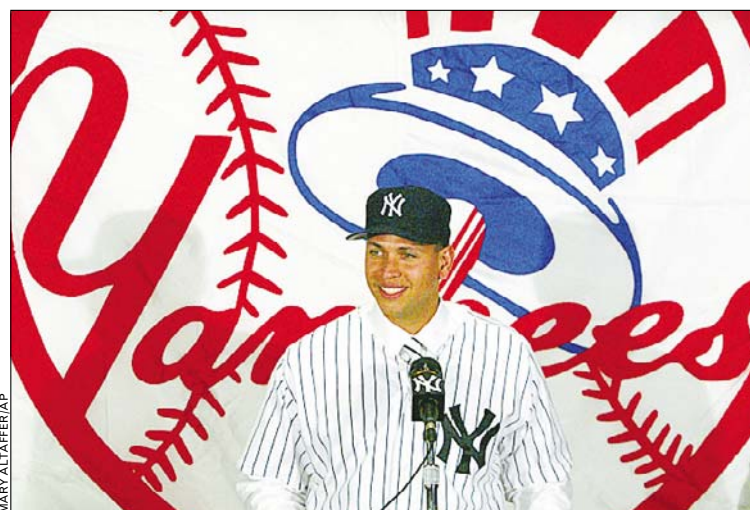
"Wow! What a reception," he said at the Yankee Stadium news conference before going to City Hall to meet Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "I still feel like someone's going to pinch me and wake me up."

He repeatedly deferred to Jeter, the Yankees' captain and shortstop, a stark contrast to Jackson, who arrived before the 1977 sea-

son and proclaimed he was the "straw that stirs the drink," a slap at Thurman Munson.

Much has been made of Rodriguez's criticism of Jeter in an Esquire interview three years ago, when he questioned the Yankee captain's leadership. Both tried to put any controversy behind them, with Jeter saying it was like a spat between brothers.

"Everyone wants us to not get along, but that's not the case," Jeter said. "Our relationship is fine." RONALD BLUM (AP)



CHANGES: Alex Rodriguez was introduced as a member of the New York Yankees Tuesday. He will move from shortstop to third base with his new team.

Players Got Steroids, Feds Say

Bonds's trainer admits to distributing drugs to Major Leaguers

DOPING | Barry Bonds's personal trainer told federal agents he gave steroids to several baseball players, according to documents released Tuesday.

No players were identified, and it was unclear whether the trainer, Greg Anderson, gave specific names.

Anderson was one of four men charged last week in a steroid-distribution ring that supplied athletes with steroids and other banned substances. All four pleaded innocent. No athletes have been charged.

Federal officials released two affidavits Tuesday that supported search warrants used in raids on Anderson's home in September.

The new documents said Anderson initially denied distributing steroids in discussions with federal agents but later said he sometimes "gave" steroids to people he knew.

"Upon further questioning, Anderson admitted that he had given steroids to several professional baseball players," the documents said.

Anderson and Bonds were not immediately available for comment Tuesday. ROB GLOSTER (AP)

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DRIVER'S SEAT: Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, was a media star Tuesday, appearing on "Live with Regis and Kelly," and on "Today." Earnhardt won the prestigious race on Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla.



BENCHED: The Kings' Chris Webber was suspended for eight games Tuesday for violating the NBA's drug policy and for pleading guilty to lying to a grand jury. Webber, out all year with a knee injury, was taken off the injured list Monday. (AP)

In Brief

PRO BASKETBALL Bulls Waive Guard Williams

The Chicago Bulls waived guard Jay Williams on Tuesday, two weeks after reaching a contract buyout with the guard whose career is in jeopardy following a motorcycle accident. NBA rules require a player to be put on waivers after a team and the player make a settlement on their contract. The buyout was worth

about \$3 million. Williams had two more years worth about \$7.7 million left on his original deal. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL Kasay, Original Member of Panthers, Signs 5-Year Deal

Kicker John Kasay signed a new five-year contract with the Carolina Panthers on Tuesday, retaining his status as the team's only original member. The 13-year NFL veteran, who represents himself, has been with the Panthers since the

King: Foreman To Fight for \$20M

BOXING | George Foreman agreed to a tentative \$20 million deal to return for a fight celebrating the 30th anniversary of his epic bout with Muhammad Ali, Don King said Tuesday.

King said he talked with the 55-year-old Foreman last week about the prospects of a fight. "We've got a verbal deal," King said.

Foreman hasn't fought since 1997, when he lost his heavyweight title to Shannon Briggs.



Money talks and George Foreman fights, at least according to Don King.

King said no opponent, date or location have been set, although Foreman said last week he'd like any fight to be in his hometown of Houston. HILARY ROXE (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Wizards visit the New Orleans Hornets.

SOCCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The U.S. national team faces the Netherlands in a match in Amsterdam.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Bobby Knight's Texas Tech looks to shake off its recent sluggish play when

visiting Big 12 rival Colorado.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) After losing for the first time in 19 games, Duke looks to start a new winning streak at Wake Forest.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on ESPN2) The Phoenix Coyotes try to steal a win against the Detroit Red Wings, whose top two goalies are injured.

tos from the soon-to-be-demolished Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. Tom Burgoyne, the Phanatic, had taken off the costume for a break and found the \$3,000 head missing when he returned to his changing room. There were no leads in the case until Tuesday, when a listener called a disc jockey, saying he found the head and that he would bring it to the radio station. Police arrested Bernard Bechtel on charges of theft after he brought the head to the WYSP-FM studio. (AP)

team began in 1995. He was due to become an unrestricted free agent March 3. The 34-year-old made 32-of-38 field goal attempts during the regular season, including four game-winners. (AP)

MASCOTS One Week Later, Phanatic Regains His Stolen Head

One week after the head of the Phillie Phanatic was stolen, it was returned. It had disappeared during a charity sale and auction of mementos

Sports

Ex-Bullet Adams To Coach Mystics

WASHINGTON | Former NBA player Michael Adams was hired to coach the WNBA's Washington Mystics on Tuesday.

Adams replaces Marianne Stanley, who resigned after going 26-40 in two seasons. She led the Mystics to the 2002 Eastern Conference finals and the only winning record in team history.

Adams is the team's seventh coach in seven seasons.

"This situation just came available, and I figured why not try and take the opportunity to make this franchise a winner," said Adams, who played for the Washington Bullets during his NBA career.

He coached the International Basketball League's Richmond Rhythm in 1999 before becoming



CHARLES DHARAKI/AP

Michael Adams, right, is working for Abe Pollin again, now as Mystics coach.

an assistant coach for the NBA's Grizzlies from 2000-02.

He has never coached a women's team, but Adams said he is not concerned about making the switch.

"There are a lot of people that have never coached women before, but basketball's basketball in my book," he said. (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—	10-0	22-10
New York	25	29	.463	7.5	6-4	18-15
Boston	23	31	.426	9.5	2-8	14-23
Philadelphia	22	31	.415	10	3-7	17-18
Miami	22	32	.407	10.5	4-6	15-17
Washington	16	34	.320	14.5	4-6	9-23
Orlando	13	41	.241	19.5	1-9	11-25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Indiana	39	14	.736	—	7-3	27-8
Detroit	33	21	.611	6.5	4-6	22-13
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10.5	5-5	20-15
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	11	5-5	21-12
Toronto	25	26	.490	13	5-5	15-15
Cleveland	20	33	.377	19	5-5	15-19
Atlanta	18	35	.340	21	5-5	11-20
Chicago	15	38	.283	24	3-7	13-17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Minnesota	37	15	.712	—	7-3	17-11
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2.5	7-3	17-11
Dallas	33	19	.635	4	7-3	19-12
Memphis	30	22	.577	7	6-4	17-15
Houston	30	22	.577	7	5-5	12-16
Denver	31	23	.574	7	5-5	21-15
Utah	26	27	.491	11.5	5-5	15-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Sacramento	37	13	.740	—	7-3	22-11
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	6	6-4	15-15
Seattle	25	27	.481	13	3-7	16-15
Portland	24	27	.471	13.5	7-3	12-20
Golden State	23	28	.451	14.5	6-4	14-19
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	15.5	4-6	11-19
Phoenix	18	37	.327	21.5	2-8	11-21

Standings through Feb. 16.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	30	17	7	3	70	159	128
Florida	20	25	11	3	54	132	158
Atlanta	22	30	6	2	52	159	188
Carolina	18	27	11	2	49	112	146
Washington	18	32	6	2	44	138	181

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	31	13	11	5	78	172	132
New Jersey	30	16	10	1	71	132	110
N.Y. Islanders	27	21	8	2	64	164	143
N.Y. Rangers	21	27	7	4	53	150	170
Pittsburgh	11	39	5	4	31	119	229

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	32	15	9	3	76	172	146
Ottawa	32	15	7	4	75	195	126
Boston	28	14	11	6	73	151	136
Montreal	28	23	6	2	64	145	135
Buffalo	27	26	5	1	60	155	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	33	16	8	2	76	189	139
St. Louis	28	22	7	1	64	137	145
Nashville	27	22	7	2	63	141	155
Columbus	17	29	8	4	46	121	163
Chicago	16	30	7	5	44	132	170

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	32	12	10	4	78	177	127
Vancouver	32	18	7	3	74	173	136
Calgary	30	20	5	3	68	144	129
Minnesota	20	22	15	2	57	128	130
Edmonton	23	26	9	1	56	149	152

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	28	15	11	5	72	148	120
Los Angeles	22	16	14	7	65	156	155
Dallas	27	22	10	0	64	125	132
Anaheim	20	24	8	7	55	130	155
Phoenix	19	22	14	3	55	146	164

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Lookout

Face to Face

Facial transplant surgery: Society may not be ready, but science is

MEDICINE | Society may not be quite ready for the day when a dead person's face is recycled for the living — but that day is coming nonetheless.

Such an operation would give new life to someone severely disfigured by burns, cancer or an accident, allowing the person to exist free of the stares and shock their appearances often evoke. The procedure would be more straightforward than the many reconstructive surgeries such victims usually must endure.

Already, doctors at the University of Louisville in Kentucky say they hope to soon select a candidate for the operation, possibly within the year. The same team performed the first U.S. hand transplant (and second in the world) in 1999. Surgeons in other countries are pursuing the possibility of a face transplant as well. All agree it's just a matter of time until the world's first face transplant.

The technical skills needed for the surgery are well-established. Organs are routinely transplanted from one person to another, and even some limb transplants have been successful. Those operations, once remarkable, have become almost commonplace.

But an internal organ, or even a hand, is dramatically different from the wholesale appearance change that surgeons are now considering, the Louisville surgeons acknowledge.

Faces are the most visible portion of human identities. They're how we think of ourselves, how others recognize us. The possibility of altering that identity so radically — a science fiction plot device made real — could make people recoil, perhaps eroding support needed for the operation.

In Britain, reservations from the medical community have indefinitely stalled plans there for a facial transplant. Aware of the sensitive nature of such surgery, the doctors in Kentucky are treading carefully. The team is exploring ethical argu-

Anatomy of a Face Transplant

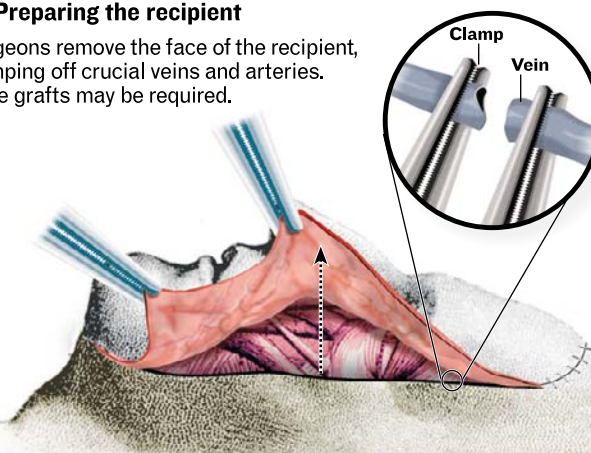
1 Removing donor tissue

Incisions are made around the corpse's face, cutting from just below the hairline to below the chin, and the skin is removed. Nerves that control facial expression and sensation and eye movements are preserved for transplantation.



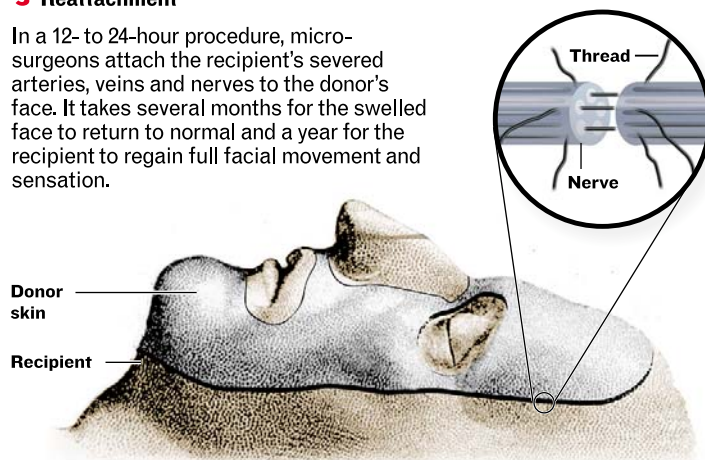
2 Preparing the recipient

Surgeons remove the face of the recipient, clamping off crucial veins and arteries. Bone grafts may be required.



3 Reattachment

In a 12- to 24-hour procedure, microsurgeons attach the recipient's severed arteries, veins and nerves to the donor's face. It takes several months for the swelled face to return to normal and a year for the recipient to regain full facial movement and sensation.



SOURCES: Popular Mechanics, KO Studios
Researched by Times graphics reporter Joel Greenberg

ments for and against the procedure, using studies and surveys to gauge likely public reaction.

If the results are favorable, the surgeons are prepared to proceed. Even if the reaction is an unexpected negative, the surgeons say the notion eventually will become accepted.

"As for surgical technique, a face transplant could have been done 10 years ago," said Dr. John Barker, director of research for the surgeons' group. "And now with the preliminary results we have in our ethics studies, we think it's time."

The group is evaluating potential transplant recipients, as is a group of collaborating physicians in the Netherlands, he said. French surgeons also are said to be considering the operation.

Public acceptance is not the only roadblock, however. Many doctors remain unconvinced of the medical need for the operation, questioning whether the risks of the surgery outweigh its potential value. A face recipient would need to take powerful medications for the remainder of his or her life to prevent rejection by the body. He or she also would face the possibility that the transplant would fail — and the unknown psychological effect of having one's cardinal form of identity, even if disfigured, so wholly transformed.

"Faces," said a British advisory panel in a published report, "help us understand who we are and where we come from."

A face transplant would rely on microsurgery — the connection of very small nerves and blood vessels. In the first such surgeries, doctors probably would remove a layer of donor skin containing muscle, nerves, tendons and blood vessels. The recipient's disfigured face would be removed down to the bone and cartilage, and the donor face draped across it, fitted and reattached.

The result would be a hybrid face, with features from donor and recipient, Barker said. The team has tried to anticipate the cosmetic result by experimenting on cadavers. The result is a face that resembles donor and recipient, perhaps similar to a relative of one or the other.

"It's surprising how different the recipients look" from the donors, he said. "If you transplanted the entire bone structure, however, they would look exactly like the donor."

That, however, is not currently possible. SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)

The Last Word on Last Meals

BOOKS | With recipes for "gallows gravy" and "rice rigor mortis," Brian Price's new cookbook brings a touch of dark wit to a subject seldom welcome at the dinner table: death.

But it's the taste of Price's humor, not the flavor of his dishes, that is raising questions about "Meals to Die For," a collection of 42 recipes for final meals requested by inmates on Texas' death row.

"Some folks think I'm poking fun at a serious and solemn subject," said Price, who prepared 220 such meals in a prison kitchen in Huntsville while serving time himself. "My intention is not to offend anyone."

His recipes — such as Old Sparky's Genuine Convict Chili, in levels of spice measured at 5,000, 10,000 or 20,000 volts — have drawn criticism from at least one victims' rights group.

"He's a scum-sucking bottom-feeder," said Dianne Clements, president of the Houston-based Justice For All, complaining that Price is trying to profit from crime at the expense of victims.

The book, scheduled to be published in March, is as much about prison experiences as food.

"There's a fascination with death, the macabre, a curiosity of the dark side," said Price, who was paroled last year after serving 14 years on a pair of convictions related to the abduction of his brother-in-law and a sexual assault on an ex-wife.

The book says the favorite last meal is cheeseburgers and french fries. Steak, ice cream and fried chicken are popular too, Price said.

Vegetables? Not so much, although one inmate wanted fried squash, fried eggplant, mashed potatoes, snap peas, boiled cabbage, corn on the cob, spinach and cheese-covered broccoli with his chicken.

Prison officials try to meet meal requests but usually choose from whatever is available in the prison pantry. That means a request for lobster may bring fish sticks, the closest thing to seafood in stock.

MICHAEL GRACZYK (AP)

The Accidental Star

William Hung wanted to sing in the worst way — and he did

PERSONALITY | In the age of reality television, failure has created a new genre of fame. Ask William Hung, a Hong Kong-born student who cut class last fall to try out for "American Idol." Hung was prepared for the stage fright, the long lines, even the disparaging judges. What he didn't expect was for defeat to turn him into an international cult celebrity.

In a perverse and increasingly common twist that has overwhelmed the 21-year-old University of California, Berkeley, civil engineering major, the spotlight that shone last week on his uninhibited, Chinese-accented rendition of "She Bangs" by Ricky Martin now just won't go away.

Though the three "American Idol" judges cut him off brutally in mid-song on the Jan. 27 broadcast — stifling laughter, then guffawing out loud as he confessed, "You know, I have no professional training of singing" — Hung has become an object of fascination for millions of strangers who can't get enough of the sincere, upbeat way he handled the show's signature brand of humiliation.



"I didn't even have emotions until I saw the audition, and then I felt, 'Oh. I'm definitely not ready to go to Hollywood.'"

CULT FAVORITE WILLIAM HUNG ON 'AMERICAN IDOL'

But Hung said the situation has stunned him. "There is fame and there is infamy," he said, his eyes downcast. "I don't know if this is bad or good."

Whatever it is, for the moment it is prolific. Web sites devoted to Hung have popped up all over the Internet, including one that generated so much traffic — 4 million hits in four days — that it had to be shut down. Sampled versions of his performance, remixed with hip-hop and techno music, have made the top 10 request list at Chicago's WKSC-FM radio.

Months after Hung auditioned, he saw his clip anchoring an "American Idol" promotion. "I was just, 'Wow. That's me right there.' Shocked," Hung said, blushing. "I didn't even have emotions until I saw the audition, and then I felt, 'Oh. I'm definitely not ready to go to Hollywood.'"

Then the e-mails started arriving from strangers, and Hung, curious, punched his name into a search engine. Up came the blogs and the Web sites, the downloads and remixes.

"One good thing is that I am meeting more girls than usual," Hung said. "I don't know who they are, but they are much more friendly with me, so, oh well." SHAWN HUBLER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's Top Stops

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Pennywise: Punk Foolish

I Southern California-based political punk-rockers Pennywise have been hanging onto their nickels for 15 years now, churning out thinky, motivating rock with a propulsive edge. With Guttermouth, Bleed the Dream and Stretch Arm Strong.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 8 p.m., \$16; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



Pennywise, thankfully past their best-forgotten "boy-band-look" stage.

Sisterly Fortitude: 'Having Our Say'

2 The double autobiography (duoautobiography?) of the indefatigable Delaney sisters returns to town in a new production of "Having Our Say," the life stories of the long-lived African-American women who grew from being the daughters of a slave to best-selling authors. Through March 21.

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; tonight's performance 8 p.m., \$31-36; 301-924-3400.

Indie Jazz: Cuckoo for Ulu

3 "What's the Deal," as Ulu's 2002 live album title asked. Hard to say. Does funk-jazz-fusion-jam-psychedelia cover it? This New York-based collective creates complex shapes out of sound and pacing, and never loses sight of the pleasure principle — it's supasmart jazz you can dance to.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church, 8:30 p.m., \$8; 703-237-0300.

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School of Hip-Hop

MUSIC | There have been few hip-hop debuts as mature and polished as producer-rapper Kanye West's "College Dropout" (Roc-A-Fella).

As a lyricist, he has the courage to reach beyond mainstream rap's dominant themes: West discusses religion, social change and the importance of family. He also finds ways to reinvent his trademark production style — looping sped-up old soul samples.

But it is West's focus on melody that sets "Dropout" apart. On songs such as "Jesus Walks" and "Family Business," he rips down the barrier separating gospel and popular

R&B from hip-hop, instead building his own style from scratch by rapping over a combination of samples, choirs and other subtle background vocals.

The result is catchy, accessible and melodic hip-hop, delivered by an artist whose acknowledged arrogance is matched by the talent of his guest list, including fellow Chicagoan Common and Talib Kweli on the excellent, straightforward "Get 'em High." Twista and Jamie Foxx star on a slightly revamped version of the radio hit "Slow Jamz." Also appearing are Mos Def, Ludacris and Jay-Z,



Roc-A-Fella's Kanye West may not have matriculated, but he sure can rap.

who seems to abandon retirement plans on "Never Let Me Down" by rapping: "Number one albums, what I got like four of them? More of them on the way."

West himself lacks the vocal presence of his guests and sometimes stumbles over awkward rhymes, but makes up for it with expansive subject matter and a stylized, singsong delivery that he carefully matches to the beats.

Skits mar the album; they disrupt the continuity and show the dark side of West's confidence. But the 26-year-old delivers musical talent and a sense of maturity that mainstream hip-hop has lacked recently, and this outstanding debut must not be missed.

RYAN PEARSON (AP)

Entertainment

Law & Disorder

A nasty new lawyer livens up 'The Practice'

RENOVATIONS | "It never gets weird enough for me."

So says James Spader, in response to a question about the boundaries of Alan Shore's behavior.

Shore is the lawyer whose clever mind, amoral heart, contrary soul and charming smirk are the prime surprise elements on this eighth season of "The Practice."

When David E. Kelley, creator and executive producer of the ABC legal drama, citing cost-cutting needs, fired six major cast members, prospects were considered dim for this season. But then along came Spader as the ethically challenged Shore, and things turned around.



James Spader's amoral Alan Shore puts the "shark" back into "lawyer."

A return to its original time slot on Sundays at 10 p.m. has helped the Emmy winning show's ratings. Also helping ratings along is the constant viewer buzz about Shore's unusual personal and professional practices.

Spader says when Kelley approached him about joining the series, the creator confessed that "It had gotten earnest and he felt a self-righteousness about it that he wanted to upend — so he went ahead and did that, I guess."

Spader says he accepted Kelley's offer, even though the character was little more than a sketch in the writer's head, because it matched his own concept of what makes for interesting viewing. "I've always liked watching people who are funny when they are not and are

not funny when they are, and are bad when they are good and good when they are bad."

In a new story arc beginning Feb. 15 with the episode "Going Home," Patrick Dempsey guest stars as Dr. Paul Stewart, Shore's best friend from childhood, who is accused of murdering his mistress. Jill Clayburgh is Stewart's mother, Betty White, a nosey neighbor, and Ed Asner, the judge presiding over Shore's efforts at defense.

The third episode hadn't been completed at the time of Spader's interview, so it was with sincerity that he said of the murder case, "I'm anxious to know who did it. That is not readily apparent. There are lots of possibilities."

With Shore there always are.

BRIDGET BYRNE (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



CHEAP DATE: Valentine's Day never has to end: Hear jazz from Cynthia Scott and the DJS Trio at Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600.

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All the President's Funnymen: Mark Katz Tells All

4 Mark Katz's job as "punchline writer" for President Clinton involved scribbling setups for a randy president, not juggling for a moody king. See? Not like being court jester at all. He'll discuss his memoir, "Clinton & Me: A Real Life Political Comedy," tonight.

Barnes and Noble, 3040 M St. NW; 7:30 p.m., free; 202-965-9880.

Bright Young Thing: Christopher Taylor

5 Word on the street is pianist Christopher Taylor's treatment of Olivier Messiaen's "Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus" knocks 'em dead. OK, it's not the street.

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Byrdsong: McGuinn's the Name

6 While fronting the Byrds, Roger McGuinn was told by some guru to change his name to one starting with "J," which is how he became "Jim" McGuinn. True story. Well, it was the '60s — we should be grateful he didn't change it to "Jessica" or "Jujube." Oh, he still plays music on his 12-string Rickenbacker.

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$120; 703-218-6500.



McGuinn with his trusty 12-string ax.

Game Theorists

DISCIPLINES | Ever yearn to study "Tetris" as a metaphor for American consumerism? Or write a paper on narrative structure in the horror action game "Silent Hill"?

Someone already has.

Researchers around the world are making computer games the subject of serious academic pursuit alongside literature, music and art. They are staking out space in universities with Ph.D. programs, research centers and online journals.

A few well-worn topics have long been studied, particularly their violence and effect on social interaction. But newer, more sophisticated games, from "The Sims" to "Everquest," take advantage of growing computer power to give players far more choices — and more profound experiences.

Some of the new questions in a



HEY, LOVE BOAT! GameLab's Eric Zimmerman poses with old-school board games.

very young field: How do you judge a game? Do we need a whole new vocabulary for evaluating games? What do the social dynamics of

massive multiplayer games tell us about human behavior?

In Copenhagen, Denmark, the IT University has established

the Center of Computer Games Research, where Jesper Juul has just become the first person to get a doctorate in video-game studies, thanks to his dissertation "Half-Real: Video Games Between Real Rules and Fictional Worlds."

In the U.S., there are a handful of small-game developers who are both theorists and designers, and use their products to toy with the notion of games.

New York-based gameLab recently produced "Arcadia," which has you play four rudimentary games, reminiscent of old-school titles like "Pong," all at the same time.

Eric Zimmerman, co-founder of gameLab, says the game is almost postmodern in how it appropriates "the raw material of our own history."

"What we try to do is provide not a single way of looking at games but a whole series of ways," Zimmerman said. "We would like to have an audience that thinks about games as more than boy power fantasies."

NICK WADHAMS (AP)

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Entertainment

Hit Sitcoms' Hazy Future

NEGOTIATION | "Everybody Loves Raymond" star Ray Romano said Friday that there would be "no quick resolution" to the question of whether he and executive producer Phil Rosenthal would return to the series for a ninth and final season.

Meanwhile, NBC is locked in a nasty legal dispute with the creators of "Will & Grace," and the network is threatening to bar them from

overseeing the comedy hit.

Broadcasters are already reeling from serious prime-time ratings declines this season, particularly for scripted shows. Hit sitcoms are so lucrative to studios they help compensate for the expensive process of developing new shows. And in their syndication afterlife, some sitcoms remain extremely popular on local stations and cable outlets such as

TV Land. That helps explain why the problems with "Raymond" and "Will & Grace" loom large.

In the case of "Raymond," time is running out, because writers need to start working on a finale if the series is indeed going off the air. But CBS is pressing the duo to sign for another season, and Romano's representatives have asked for a per-episode fee of \$4 million.



The stars of "Will & Grace" may be heading for a smashup before next fall.

Over at NBC, "Will & Grace" creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick have told the network they want to come back and run the series in September.

But in December the pair filed a lawsuit alleging that the network's production arm, NBC Studios, cheated them out of millions in potential profits from distribution of the hit show in off-network syndication. NBC executives have told the duo that as long as the lawsuit is pending, they are not welcome back. SCOTT COLLINS (AP)

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Television

All Talk, No Politics

Ellen DeGeneres brings the funny but bypasses the topical

DAYTIME TALK | Ellen DeGeneres's syndicated daytime TV talk show is a hit despite what she admits is a lack of personal interest in what may be Topic A for other TV comedians — the Democratic presidential primary race.

"I haven't even been paying attention. I'm not a political person ... I don't know enough about what's going on to say anything," DeGeneres tells Time magazine.

DeGeneres said it was "probably fair" to say that she will support the Democrat who is eventually chosen

to challenge President George W. Bush, "but that being said, I really don't know who it will be."

Seven years after a Time magazine cover story in which the standup comic and then-sitcom star revealed that she is gay, DeGeneres said she considers her self-outing "the best thing I ever did for myself," despite causing temporary damage to her career.

"That hurt my feelings in many ways. But once all that settled, I'm able to be exactly who I am and I have nothing to hide anymore," she said. (AP)



DeGeneres

ON TV TONIGHT

MEET THE FOLKS, THEN RUN THE BACHELORETTE (9 p.m., ABC) Meredith hasn't exactly breathed fire into this franchise. But last week, a real character emerged from left field: Lanny's overbearing mom, Jeannie, who single-handedly destroyed her son's chances with the statuesque Oregonian. And it's too bad; Meredith seemed smitten with the real-life cowboy.

Jeannie made it painfully obvious that Meredith would have to wait on Lanny and anticipate his every need. And Jeannie's in-your-face faith — telling the awkwardly polite Meredith, "It's very important to me to know that my grandchildren would be raised in a Christian house" — sealed the deal.

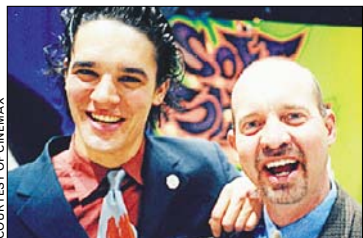
Now it's down to Ian, the preppy looking New Yorker; Matthew, the Texan; and Chad, whose status as an unemployed

guy who lives with his mother should make him easy to eliminate.

THE PAGES OF SIN HORNS AND HALOS (7 p.m., Cinemax) This 2002 documentary looks at the efforts of J.H. Hatfield, a scandalous author, and Sander Hicks, a self-described "punk" publisher, to distribute an unflattering 2000 biography of presidential candidate George W. Bush after the mainstream media had repudiated the book.

A fascinating, if slow, look at the shaggier side of book publishing, "Horns" is a sad character study of an eccentric writer who takes on some powerful people only to see his life unravel. Hicks emerges as a naive, quixotic character, determined to swim against a sea of lawsuits, setbacks and the safe and bland world of corporate publishing.

TO FLEE ... TO PEE ... IN SEARCH OF SHAKESPEARE (8 p.m., PBS) The Bard hits his creative stride in part three of the four-hour series.



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Sander Hicks and J.H. Hatfield tried to shake up the publishing industry.

LIKE THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) Bartlet approves a risky rescue off flyers downed over North Korea.

A DYSPEPTIC FURBY? ANGEL (9 p.m., WB) An evil puppeteer strikes, and there's nothing scarier than a demonic marionette!

CULT CHOICE SINNERS NEED COMPANY (9 p.m., Lifetime) Gail O'Grady stars in the 2002 adaptation of the Erskine Caldwell novel. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	Disney		Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister		Lizzie	"Just Like Dad" (1996, Drama) Wallace Shawn.			Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible		
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	FX		(5:30) ★★ ★ "Alien 3" (1992) Sigourney Weaver.					★½ "Duce Bigalow: Male Gigolo" (1999, Comedy)			Todd TV (N)		Todd TV		
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	SPIKE		Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.			Star Trek: Next Gener.		★ ★ ★ "The Krays" (1990) Gary Kemp, Martin Kemp. Premiere.				Extreme	
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	TLC		Clean Sweep		In a Fix "Nature Within" (N)			Makeover		Makeover	For Better or for Worse	Date Patrol "Jeffrey"			
	TNT		Charmed "Marry-Go-Round"		Law & Order "Carrier"			Law & Order "Judge Dread"		★ ★ ★½ "Seven" (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. iTV.					
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MOVIES	AMC		(5:30) ★★½ "Morituri" (1965) Marlon Brando. 'NR'					★ ★ ★½ "Halls of Montezuma" (1950) Richard Widmark. 'NR'			★ ★ ★½ "Castle Keep" (1969, Drama) 'R'				
	TCM		★ ★ ★ "Adventures of Don Juan" (1948) Errol Flynn. 'NR'					★ ★ ★ "Dick Tracy" (1990) Warren Beatty. Premiere. 'PG'			★ ★ ★★ "The Man Who Would Be King" (1975) 'PG'				
	HBO		(5:45) ★★½ "Wild America" (1997) 'PG'				★ ★½ "Scooby-Doo" (2002)		Sex and-City		★½ "The Sweetest Thing" (2002) 'R'		Real Time		
	MAX		(5:00) ★★ ★ "Spider-Man"		★ ★ ★ "Horns and Halos" (2002) 'NR'			"Don't Be a Menace to South Central"			★ ★½ "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) 'R'		Best Sex		
	SHO		★ ★ ★½ "The Hours" (2002) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13'					★ ★ "Original Gangstas" (1996) 'R'		Movie News	Soul Food (iTV)		The L Word		
	TMC		(:15) ★★ "Road Ends" (1997) Dennis Hopper.					★ ★ "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001) Ben Affleck.			★ ★ "Sidewalks of New York" (2001) Edward Burns. 'R'				
	STARZ!		(5:30) ★★ ★ "A Simple Wish"		(:05) ★★½ "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger. 'R'				★ ★ ★ "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson.				★ ★ "Darkness Falls"		
ENCORE		★ ★ ★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. 'PG-13'					★ ★ ★★ "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood.			(:15) ★★½ "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002)					

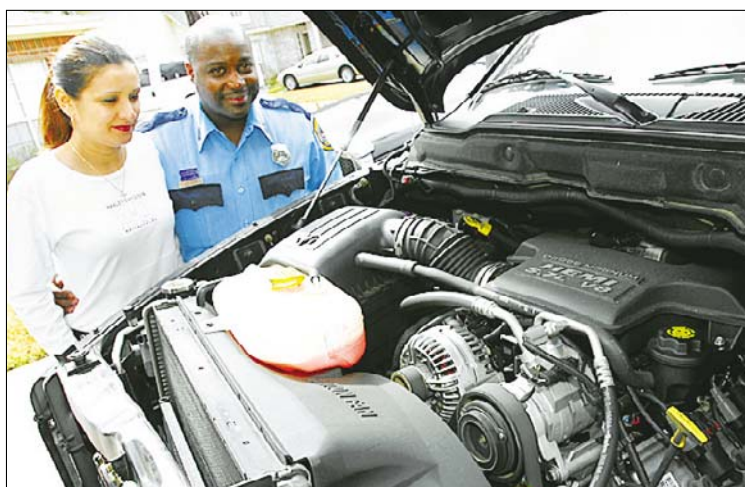
Cars

More Power to You

ENGINES | Fuel-sipping hybrids may be hip, but the Hemi and other powerful engines are growing in popularity as many Americans renew their love affair with heightened horsepower.

Automakers installed large V-8 engines in 29.1 percent of all passenger vehicles built in North America for the U.S. market last year, the highest rate since 1985, according to Ward's Automotive Reports. The rate has risen every year since 2000, when V-8s went into 25.3 percent of North American-built cars and trucks for American drivers, Ward's statistics show.

Analysts and industry executives give a variety of reasons for the rise in V-8s, which use more fuel but produce more power than smaller engines: Strong demand for trucks and sport utility vehicles, relatively



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inexpensive gas prices and technology that's leading to improved fuel efficiency, even in bigger engines.

Some, like Carlton Jack of The Woodlands, Texas, simply want

more muscle under the hood. Jack, a police officer in nearby Houston, said he drives 30 miles from his home to downtown Houston for work. He was so enamored with

the Hemi-equipped Dodge Ram pickup he bought for himself last year that he purchased another for his wife, Lourdes, at Christmas.

Aided by aggressive TV advertising, DaimlerChrysler AG's 345-horsepower Hemi has emerged as the archtypal beefy engine.

The Hemi, which dates to the 1950s, gets its name from the hemispherical shape of its combustion chamber.

Chrysler introduced the newest version in 2002 on heavy-duty trucks, then began offering it as an option on the Dodge Ram 1500 pickup and Durango SUV.

Chrysler also will offer the Hemi on two upcoming cars, the Chrysler 300C sedan and Dodge Magnum sport wagon. The car-version of the Hemi has an added feature — a so-called multi-displacement system — that allows the vehicle to reduce the number of cylinders in use during normal driving conditions, improving fuel economy an extra 10 to 20 percent.

JOHN PORRETTO (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

Wheel Advice

LOU ANN HAMMOND is the founder and owner of carlist.com, a used car database. She chats regularly at washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Which seven-seater SUV do you recommend?

The Explorer may hold seven people, but will it hold any cargo? The Durango has bad gas mileage. I don't like the front-side passenger seating on the Expedition. The seat doesn't go back far enough and the center console is so huge you can't sit sideways in the seat. The Suburban has always been good.

Take a look at the Infiniti QX56. It's essentially a Nissan Armada, but 72 pounds lighter. The only things I don't like about it are the center vents, which can't be shut, and the third row of seats, which doesn't tilt.

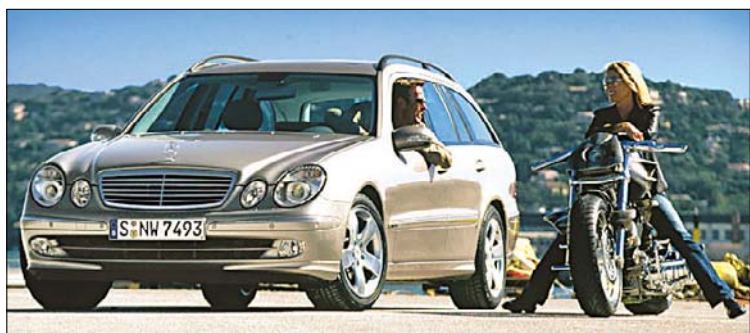
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For 2004, the E320 wagon picked up the restyling from the 2003 E-class sedan without straying from the smooth lines, so it commands attention wherever it goes.

The E320 wagon is a workhorse, with 24.4 cubic feet of cargo space behind the passengers.

The 221-horsepower, 3.2-liter (that's where the 320 in E320 comes from) V-6 engine delivers the goods quickly with an impressive 232 foot-pounds of torque that demands premium unleaded gasoline in the 20.6-gallon fuel tank to do its job.

This isn't a small wagon at all. It tops out at 191.7 inches in length and 71.7 inches in width and has a curb weight of 3,966 pounds.

The five-speed automatic transmission has the manual shifting capabilities of fine German automobiles and the 4Matic all-wheel drive makes winter driving a cinch.

Handling is superb, and the suspension cushions the worst of weather-beaten roads. Traction control and stability control are standard on this showpiece wagon.

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People

SHENANIGANS

That's Our Courtney!

A Beverly Hills, Calif., judge threw out an arrest warrant for **COURTNEY LOVE** on Tuesday after she appeared for a court hearing. Another judge had issued the warrant last week after Love failed to appear for a hearing involving felony charges of illegal possession of two painkill-

ers. Love's attorney said she couldn't make it then because of unspecified "security" reasons. Superior Court Judge Lisa Hart Cole dismissed the warrant Tuesday and ordered Love back to court on March 16 for a preliminary hearing. (AP)



Tina Turner, with Ismail Merchant in Bombay, wears a deeply puzzling boa.

APOTHEOSIS

She Don't Need Another Hero — She's a Goddess

TINA TURNER will star as an Indian goddess in a Merchant-Ivory film, "The Goddess," an Indian newspaper said Tuesday. "I think Ismail [Merchant] chose me because of my shakti [strength] within," Turner said. Merchant said she'd spent two weeks in India and had been practicing classical music with Zakir Hussain, India's maestro of the tabla, a small set of drums. (AP)

AWARDS

Some People Win Stuff; Gwen Wears Fun Outfits

Retro rockers The Darkness won three honors at the Brit Music Awards, the equivalent of the Grammys, and Justin Timberlake and Dido each took two. With that crowd, it's a good thing No Doubt's **GWEN STEFANI** was on hand to liven things up. (AP)



LUCY NICHOLSON/REUTERS

SPECTACLES

Starred Review

The West won bragging rights during basketball's All-Star game, but "The View" co-host **STAR JONES** also had something to show off: a ring. A stunned Jones accepted a diamond engagement ring from boyfriend **AL REYNOLDS** during Sunday's game. Afterwards, Denzel Washington led the cheers as Jones covered her face in amazement. (AP)

PERKS

If She Weren't a Size XXX-Zero, We'd Be Jealous

KRISTIN DAVIS of "Sex and the City" will always have the show in her heart, and in her closet. Davis, who plays Charlotte on the HBO series, said she gets to keep most of the clothes from the show, which ends Sunday. "I have a lot of quint-

essential 'Charlotte' pieces," Davis said. "I have a lot of her vintage clothes. I have a lot of her shoes, except for the ones I'm really, really sick of because they hurt."

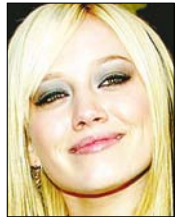


Davis said she could see a reunion in the near future, but she's not holding her breath. (AP)

BAD IDEAS

And It Burns, Burns, Burns

Advertising writers in Florida were planning to pitch hemorrhoid-relief products using the **JOHNNY CASH** classic "Ring of Fire," but Cash's family said there's no way. "We would never allow the song to be demeaned like that," said Cash's daughter, Rosanne. TV producer Sula Miller said she had the idea when she heard the song while struggling with the uncomfortable condition. (AP)



One of them is Hilary Duff and one is Lindsay Lohan. But we're not saying.

FAINT PRAISE

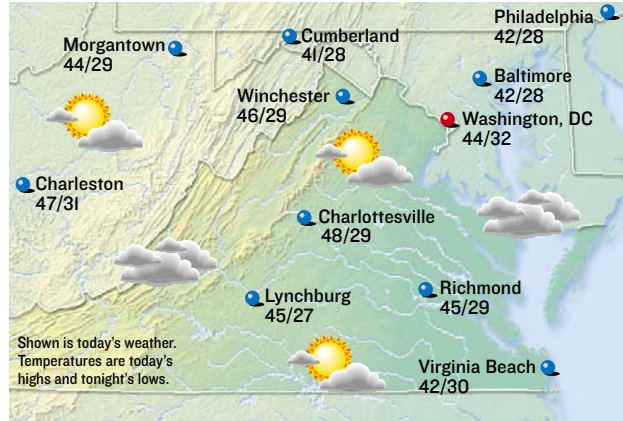
Your 'Sister Loves Her.' Nice.

LINDSAY LOHAN says she's tired of the drama between her and **HILARY DUFF**. The star of "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen" and Duff both dated singer Aaron Carter, and had a falling out that reportedly resulted in Duff asking Lohan, 17, to leave the premiere of "Cheaper by the Dozen." Lohan says their spat is "silly" and "unnecessary." "I mean, she's doing great ... My sister loves her," Lohan said on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breezy; clouds yielding to some sun	Clear to partly cloudy	Sunshine and some clouds	Clouds and sun; mild in the afternoon	Chance for rain in the afternoon	Partly sunny
44°	32°	53° / 35°	54° / 40°	54° / 42°	55° / 38°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.
Temperature
High 38°
Low 25°
Normal high 47°
Normal low 30°
Average humidity 52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 2.20"
Normal month to date 1.54"
Year to date 3.55"
Last year to date 6.17"
Normal year to date 4.75"

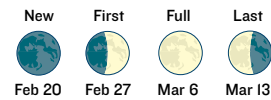
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Regional Forecast

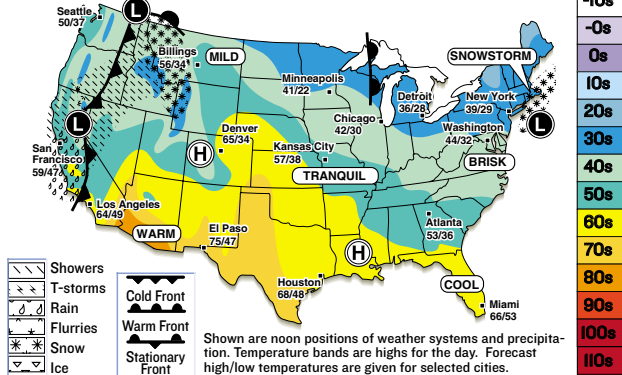
D.C. Metro: Today, breezy, mostly cloudy early, partly sunny late. High 44. Wind northwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 32.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:48 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:13 a.m.
Moonset today 3:51 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, February 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	53/36/s	64/42/s
Boston	36/26/sn	39/26/pc
Chicago	42/30/pc	44/37/pc
Dallas	64/48/s	70/55/pc
Denver	65/34/pc	42/23/r
Honolulu	83/70/s	84/70/s
Los Angeles	64/49/r	66/49/pc
Miami	66/53/pc	72/58/pc
New York City	39/29/sn	45/33/pc
Orlando	64/44/s	70/48/s
Seattle	50/37/pc	50/39/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	40/30/sn	34/28/s
Athens	45/37/pc	52/42/pc
Berlin	30/18/sn	29/22/pc
Buenos Aires	79/59/pc	81/55/pc
Calgary	46/27/pc	37/20/pc
Dublin	49/37/s	47/33/pc
Geneva	35/21/c	35/25/sf
Moscow	10/-9/c	0/-15/sn
Rome	52/37/pc	51/39/r
Sydney	86/70/pc	89/64/s
Tokyo	49/37/s	53/46/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

WHAT WAS UP WITH THE PICTURE in Friday's sports section (Feb. 13) of Barry Bonds with some unidentified person? The story is about a trainer and a coach — not Barry Bonds — arrested and charged with running a steroid distribution ring. The person in the picture is never identified. The story never names the trainer, but Bonds is mentioned four times.

Is it me or is this just a tad prejudicial? Even if there is no photo available of the accused trainer and even if you had to use Bonds's picture for name recognition, you could not have used a different one?

—PATRICIA YOUNG
Clinton, Md.

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING the story about gay marriage in Massachusetts. If America had followed Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney's logic that it is up to the people to decide, schools might still be segregated and interracial marriages would still be illegal. The will of the people is not always fair and can create a tyranny of the majority. Perhaps if protesters' signs read "black" or "Asian" instead of "gay," it would be easier to see the bigotry for what it is.

—KEVIN B. ROST
Washington, D.C.

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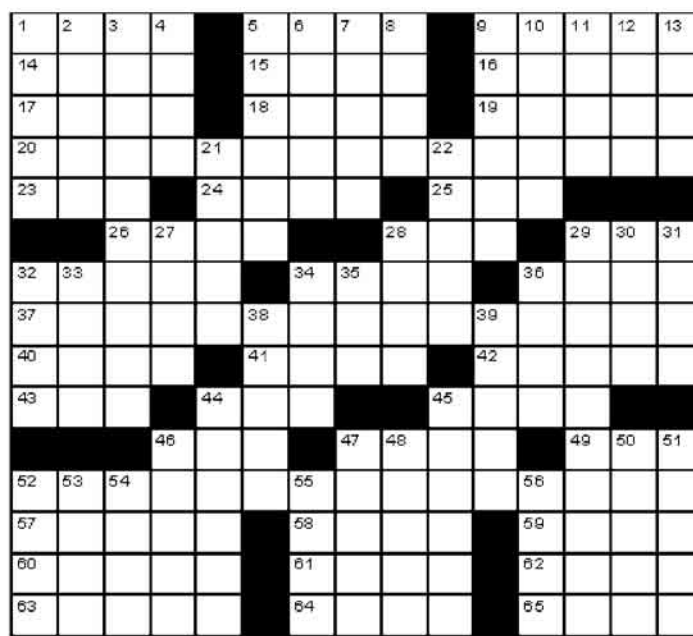
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: In Position | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Machine opening
- 5 Part of a ready trio
- 9 Traditional truism
- 14 Party centerpiece
- 15 Ball of yarn
- 16 Alternative CD version
- 17 Some votes
- 18 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
- 19 Creek or Cherokee
- 20 They control the right sides of bodies
- 23 "Look ___ ye leap"
- 24 Middle Eastern gulf
- 25 Seabird
- 26 Campbell of "Scream"
- 28 Legendary hockey great
- 29 High times
- 32 Utah ski locale
- 34 Actress Skye
- 36 Go over the edge
- 37 Enter the limelight
- 40 Dark and Innocence
- 41 They're at the top of their game
- 42 Cheated
- 43 It may follow tee
- 44 More E than S
- 45 Works on a sampler
- 46 Tick-tack-toe loser
- 47 Not a weather
- 49 Japanese Prime Minister, Hirobumi



- 52 Despot's dogma?
- 57 Like the pounding surf
- 58 Fox chaser?
- 59 State of irritation
- 60 Triple crown
- 61 Sound quality
- 62 First name in architecture
- 63 Newberry winner for

- "Ginger Pye"
- 64 Company or regiment
- 65 Roush and Hall
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of model
- 2 Stratum
- 3 Pogo's swamp
- 4 Assay
- 5 Agree to the contract
- 6 Something to

- shoulder
- 7 Admit
- 8 Cote denizens
- 9 Sherlock's creator
- 10 First name in big league shortstops
- 11 Old tune "Abdul Abulbul ___"
- 12 Aggressive remark
- 13 Former couples

- 21 Chaos
- 22 Kitchen implement
- 27 Certain celebration times
- 28 Part of the binary code
- 29 Not designated
- 30 Half of a leaf
- 31 Made time
- 32 Egyptian god of creation
- 33 Infuriation
- 34 Concerning
- 35 Member of a Platte River people
- 36 What stevedores do
- 38 Cathartic salts
- 39 See through
- 44 Special additions
- 45 Six line poem
- 46 Major hub
- 47 Ohio tire town
- 48 "Jurassic Park III" star
- 50 Type of party
- 51 Several Holy Roman emperors
- 52 Chess triumph
- 53 It regulates light into the eye
- 54 Laughing-stock
- 55 Western-most of the Aleutians
- 56 "That makes sense"

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Don't lose your cool. It's important that you keep your emotions in check, and that you look at problems from a rational viewpoint.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Don't skip anything that has been assigned to you, or you risk permanent damage to your reputation. Somebody has his or her eyes on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't explain yourself too much; after all, there are some things best left to the imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Others may be doubtful, but you know what you're talking about and you believe in it strongly. You needn't abandon your ideals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Play no pranks.

Don't stoop to behavior for which you would punish or criticize others. Play it straight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take time out of your otherwise busy schedule to treat yourself to something you only rarely enjoy. It needn't cost a lot of money, either.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The people you encounter are likely to be impressed by something unusual about you — and it's likely to remain a mystery to you, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may not want to accept an invitation of involvement, as personal issues are requiring a great deal of private thought and introspection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're not being

honest with a loved one, and he or she may know it. Now is no time to be selfish, but open and honest. You can make amends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A chance to enjoy something for the sake of a friend or loved one must not be ignored. It's a good time to be a little selfless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A long-term friendship may be giving you difficulty, as you are met with demands you cannot meet with a clear conscience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Awkward social situations may be unavoidable, but you can make the best of them simply by remaining honest and open in conversation.

LIVE ONLINE

Election 2004

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Political commentator and former Reagan speechwriter **PEGGY NOONAN**, was online Tuesday to discuss the 2004 election, Bush and magic dolphins.

Sen. John Kerry and most of the other Democrats are constantly bashing Bush for the war on terrorism. Have any of these candidates offered a better plan?

At some point the Democratic candidate is going to have to tell us how he sees that war, what the war means, how it can be fought more successfully and what he will do to keep America safe. The Democratic position on this Issue of All Issues seems to me a blur. A gusty blur of rhetorical assertions — "I'll fire John Ashcroft!" More is needed.

Will enchanted dolphins arrive in time to save President Bush's drowning presidency like they saved Elian Gonzales?

Maybe. And maybe he won't need saving. And maybe the Democrats will. And maybe by the election, you'll need saving, and perhaps some of Bush's decisions made in connection with the war on terror will save you. It's all the maybes that keep us getting up in the morning with a sense of excitement and anticipation, don't you think?

Just what is it that makes Bush so attractive to the heartland?

Bush is the triumph of the seemingly average American man. He thinks in a sort of common sense way. You know him. He's not exotic. But if there's a fire on the block he'll run out and help. He'll direct the rig to the right house and count the kids coming out and say, "Where's Sally?" He's not an intellectual. Intellectuals start all the trouble in the world. When the fire comes they say, "I warned Joe about that furnace." When the fire comes they talk. Bush ain't that guy. Republicans love the guy who ain't that guy.

Today on Live Online:

11 A.M.: Former Howard Dean campaign manager Joe Trippi discusses the outcome of the Wisconsin primary.

1 P.M.: Post Associate Managing Editor Robert G. Kaiser riffs on Election 2004.

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